

Executive Committee Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2019 – 5:30 PM • Council Chambers

Item	Presented By:	Action	Topic	Report
Call to Order & Roll Call	Stefan Densmore		Stefan Densmore, Chair Danny Kneipp Lou Marx Roger Van Harn – Resident Ashley Snyder - Resident Matt Boettcher, Finance Liaison Ron Hirth, Administrator Andy Lanser, Fiscal Officer Terry Donnellon, Solicitor	Mr. Densmore opened the meeting at 5:30 PM DST. Mr. Marx was absent. Motion to excuse Mr. Marx by Mr. Densmore. Second by Ms. Snyder. All in favor.
Set the Agenda & Adopt	Mr. Densmore	Review & Motion		Motion to adopt the Agenda by Ms. Snyder. Second by Mr. Densmore. Two members in favor, two opposed. Motion to amend the agenda by Mr. Van Harn to add a discussion regarding community outreach and community engagement to old business. Second by Mr. Kneipp. Three in favor, and one opposed.
Persons Registered to Address the Committee			None	None
Minutes to be Approved	Mr. Lanser	Review & Motion	Committee Minutes	There were no minutes from July 15 as the Committee did not meet. Motion to approve the June 24, 2019 meeting minutes by Mr. Van Harn Second by Mr. Kneipp All in favor.

Discussion							
Old Business	Mr. Hirth	Report	Non-Discrimination Ordinance (NDO)	See Mr. Donnellon's update for any additional information.			
	Mr. Donnellon		• Report	There is an on-going dialogue between Equality Ohio and the Jewish community of the Village. Mr. Donnelon would like to provide a summary of that dialogue for the Committee to review for the September 9 th meeting. In addition, Mr. Donnelon would like to get a new proposed ordinance for the September 9 th meeting for review.			
	Mr. Densmore			Mr. Densmore would like to devote time at the next meeting for the two parties, Equality Ohio and members of the rabbinical community to discuss the religious exemption in greater detail.			
				A discussion ensued on how to review the proposed ordinance moving forward. It was suggested that specific sections of the ordinance could be isolated for dedicated, single agenda items for review at individual meetings.			
				MOTION to table further discussion of the non-discrimination ordinance to the next Executive Meeting on 9/9 and to begin the 9/9 meeting to 5:30 pm by Ms. Snyder. Second by Mr. Van Harn All in favor.			
			Public Comment	Mr. Densmore opened public comment to individuals in attendance.			
			Kelly Pendergraft, 6470 Stover Avenue	Ms. Pendergraft's wife spent part of her childhood in the Village, and they've resided together in the Village for the last ten years. Throughout this time, they've always felt welcomed in the Village. Ms. Pendergraft stated that she never dreamed that she or her wife would not feel welcomed in the Village. To Ms. Pendergraft it seems logical that Village policies should reflect the spirit of the Village. Further Ms. Pendergraft can't fathom not having access to basic services because of not being able to identify as who she is. Ms. Pendergraft posed the following question: Why can't people respect the life and lifestyles of other people? Ms. Pendergraft hopes the proposed ordinance is adopted, and she hopes the ordinance does not harm people as well.			
	Mr. Hirth		 Rental Property Licensing 	Click to review or download research for review.			

	Mr. Van Harn	Building Code/Property Maintenance Community Engagement/Community Outreach (Added)	Property maintenance continues to be the top priority for Administration. Of late, Administration has had difficulty with several items in this realm; vacant properties, littering, and signs. The Service Department is doing what they can, but they are limited in capacity. Administration will be meeting with the Police Department to review the relevant ordinances to identify where there can be greater collaboration between the two Departments. In addition, Administration is examining some of the property maintenance ordinances and making updates where necessary. Updates include regulating landlords as businesses, as well as updating the labor fees that are used in calculating abatement costs. The Village has notified twelve properties that were identified as vacant that they are required to register their property according to the vacant property ordinance. To date Administration has had limited compliance in this area. It is envisioned that moving forward that the revenue derived from this ordinance and others will fund a full-time property maintenance inspector. Mr. Van Harn wanted to clarify two sections in his report. The first that each community group or neighborhood group have their own dedicated funding and get a subsidy from the City of Cincinnati. Second, that each group also was born of a tension that existed in the community. This tension served as a central rallying theme that led to the creation of each as a 501C3 and continues to be the driving force for volunteer recruitment and retention. Furthermore, each group utilizes their volunteers to maintain a significant sphere of influence in each community that extends both in the physical and digital realm (social media). Mr. Boettcher as Chair of the Finance Committee has requested that the Recreation Commission provide an appropriation subsidy request to the Village.
New Business			
Announcements			
Adjourn			Motion to adjourn by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Van Harn All voted in favor.

	Date:	
Submitted by Andy Lanser, Fiscal Officer		
	Date:	
Stefan Densmore, Committee Chair		
	Date:	
Anna Gedeon, Asst. Clerk		